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**AGRICULTURE IN
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**PLEA TO IMPROVE ANCIENT
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The necessity of bringing about
reform in the method of cultiva-
tion of land and animal husbandry
in the New Territories, by helping
and educating the farmers in ac-
cord with present-day advanced
science of cultivation, was dealt
with by Mr. J. D. Bush, when he
spoke at yesterday's Rotary Club
luncheon, which was held in
Messrs. Lane Crawford's restau-
rant under the Chairmanship of
Sir William Hornell.

The Chairman said:—First of
all I want to wish you all a very
happy New Year. Let me
thank you all very much for
having braved this frightful
epidemic by coming here to-day. I
discussed the matter with a member who
discussed the matter with another
member who is a learned Doctor, and
he said that there was no danger
when eating but that there
was some danger when speaking.
That is why you will notice no one
is sitting in front of me. The
speaker and I have had our throats
certified—(laughter)—and, per-
haps, we are the only two people
in the room who have certified
breath.—(Laughter).

The Chairman welcomed the fol-
lowing as visitors:—Mr. Fung Ki-
cheuk, Chairman of the New Terri-
tories Agricultural Association,
Mr. C. M. Manners, Vice-Chairman
of that Association, Mr. S. H. Ross
and Mr. J. Petrie.

Speaking on "The Promotion of
Agriculture in the New Terri-
tories," Mr. Bush said:—My first
business is to assure you that I
do not come to spread contagion
but to sing a song of love in very
bad prose.

The Annual Show.

He continued: It was with a
great deal of pleasure that I
promised Rotarians McPherson to
speak briefly at this luncheon on
the subject of "Promotion of
Agriculture in the New Terri-
tories." I am very grateful for the
opportunity to-day, for one
thing, to tell you something of
the forthcoming agricultural
show, which will be opened by His
Excellency the Governor this
Saturday, the 9th instant at 3 p.m.
at Shek Wu Hui, near the
Sheung Shui Railway Station.

This annual exhibition of
agricultural products, together
with other attractions, is becom-
ing more and more popular with
the general public in the Colon.
It would be impossible, within the
compass of twenty minutes, to
give you an adequate account of
the agricultural conditions in the
New Territories. All that I can
do is to convey some idea of the
work and aim of the New Terri-
tories Agricultural Association in
which I am doing but a small part
as Honorary English Secretary.

At the outset I also feel that I
ought to make it clear that I am
not well qualified for the under-
taking of discussing the difficult
problem of promoting agriculture.
I possess neither the essential
training nor the expert knowl-
edge like our learned friend,
Rotarian Herklotz.

Booklet Commended.

In the course of preparing this
paper, I have been tempted more
than once, in short, to ask
Rotarian Herklotz to write it for
me. But I have not the heart, as
he has already done such a lot
for me in getting out the beauti-
ful handbook for the show, which
can be had, on Thursday.
It has been delayed by the
printer. I commend the book-
let especially to your atten-
tion, if for nothing else, at
least for the interesting articles
from the pen of Dr. Herklotz.
There will be other features to
attract those of you who are
interested in agriculture and
horticulture. The booklet is well
worth the value of twenty cents,

for that price is hardly sufficient
to cover the cost of printing
alone.

The Exhibition's Beginning.

The idea of an agricultural
exhibition was first suggested by
H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi and the
Rev. H. R. Wells in 1926, and
among the earliest supporters
were Sir Robert and Lady Ho
Tung, Mr. H. Green, Superinten-
dent of the Botanical and Forestry
Department, Mr. J. A. Fraser, the
former District Officer, the Hon.
Mr. J. P. Braga, who accomplished
the largest portion of spade work
as the first Honorary English
Secretary of the show, and last
but not least, Mr. Fung Ki-cheuk,
who is now the Chairman of the
New Territories Agricultural
Association. The first Show was
held in December, 1927, when, in
his opening speech, His Excel-
lency the Governor made refer-
ence to the great assistance given
by Lady Ho Tung in whose
grounds the show was held, and
who had, for many years, interest-
ed herself in agriculture in the
New Territories.

What Is the Use?

Each year the question arises
when preparations are being made
for the show, what is the use of
improving the conditions of the
farmers, when we see in the New
Territories, men wielding the
same old farming implement and
women binding the sheaves as
they have done for many cen-
turies? Indeed the passage of
three or four centuries has made
little change in the conditions
under which the Chinese farmers
from one end of China to the
other live, or the methods which
they employ in cultivation.
Year in and year out they work
and live on the minimum rather
than the maximum of their crops.
What is said of the Egyptian
peasant, or fellah, may be applied
with equal force to the extreme
conservatism and lack of initia-
tive of the Chinese farmers of
to-day.

Speaking of the Egyptian
peasant, an English writer in the
Manchester Guardian says: "A
mummy of the Twelfth Dynasty
coming to life in a twentieth-
century Egyptian village would
find himself surrounded by faces
of a familiar cast. Neither the
scenery nor the dwellings, neither
the habits nor the vocations of
modern fellahin would appear in
the least strange to him, and he
would be able to handle the
plough or hoe in use to-day or
take his place just as he was wont
to do over 4,000 years ago."

Chinese Methods Unchanged.

Nor has the long procession of
the centuries wrought any funda-
mental change in the Chinese
peasant. As a Chinese writer has
recently said: "There is very
little selection of the best pro-
duce for sowing again; the
average seed is generally con-
sidered as good enough. There is
an almost complete absence of
manure-land, domestic animals
being more economically fed on
cut fodder, with some grazing on
hill-sides. The farmers are with-
out knowledge of irrigation and
drainage, but difficulties in co-
operation prevent anything being
done in such matters except
locally and in a small way."

In such despondent mood, I
cannot refrain from adapting the
saying prevalent in certain parts
of the British Empire, that farm-
ing is mainly "Ticks and Politics,"
and saying that the order of the
day in agrarian China is "To
manure and endure."

No Poultry Farms.

There are no poultry farms in
China. Here and there in the
New Territories you may find the
farmers keeping a few hens, and
the eggs are collected in very
small quantities from the fairs or
markets to which they are carried
by the people themselves. The
hens in China in general lay not
more than 60 or 70 a year each,
whereas a good laying hen should
produce between 150 and 200
eggs. Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa,
of China Auction Room, who has
contributed much each year to the
show in arousing interest in the
Poultry Section, is of the follow-
ing opinion: "Considering that the
Chinese farmer in the New

Territories derives a fairly large
portion of his income from the
sale of eggs and poultry, it is
hard to understand why he still
keeps on in the old rut, breeding
the small Chinese fowls, without
any system or attempt at improve-
ment."

Much work is still to be done
in China in animal husbandry.
In the New Territories farms I
have not seen any cows being
kept for milk purposes. Perhaps
this is one of the reasons why
China has been such a big im-
porter of condensed milk. With
a view to arousing greater
interest in breeding of cattle,
Rotarian J. Russell has been put-
ting up special prizes at the Show
for the best bullock, cow, and calf,
as displayed on the exhibition
grounds on the opening day.

Deforestation Peril.

Deforestation, as everybody
knows, is appalling in China.
This is also a problem in the New
Territories. Forestry can have a
tremendous influence on farm-
ing and population. According
to a French authority, deforesta-
tion was the prime cause of
Greece's decline. The French-
man's view is this: "Emigration
and low birth-rate prevailed only
for a time. If Greece had con-
served her fertile soil, immigra-
tion or higher birth-rate would
have sprung up at a given moment
and filled up the ranks. Depopulation persisted because
the land was impoverished by
becoming deforested and un-
healthy."

Time will not permit me to tell
you also of the interesting theory
advanced that, with deforestation,
malaria developed. Let it be
sufficient to say here that
deforestation caused the cessation
of regularity of stream flow and
resulted in the washing of the
soil and gravel to the plains
below. In summer "when there is
no flow, the river bed still in
places contain pools favourable to
the breeding of mosquitoes."

I do not know how the Forestry
Department will accept this
theory. And I wonder if Rotarian
Arthur Woo, who is so energetic
in promoting public health among
the farmers in the New Terri-
tories, agrees to this theory thus
advanced? Incidentally, speak-
ing of public health in the New
Territories, I may mention that
in the forthcoming show, there
will be public health lectures
given to the farmers, with charts
and other illustrations, under the
auspices of the New Territories
Medical Benevolent Society, of
which Dr. Arthur Woo is the
President and Dr. Gerrard is a
staunch supporter.

Other Problems.

There are other perplexing
farming problems in the New
Territories I may present to you
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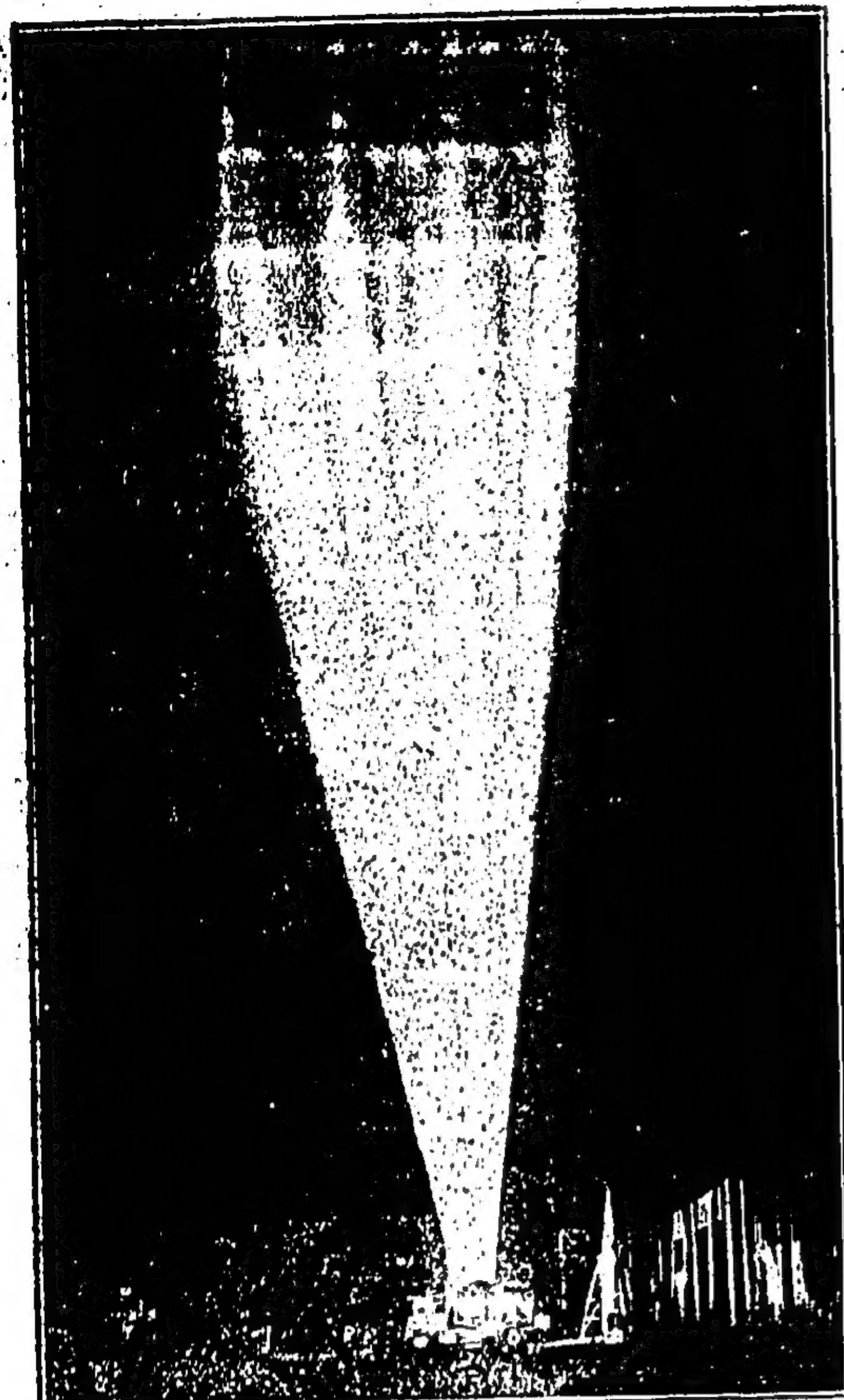
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By Small

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LIKE RASSLIN' WEET MAMIE
TODAY—TH' WEATHER SHE'S
TOO HOT!

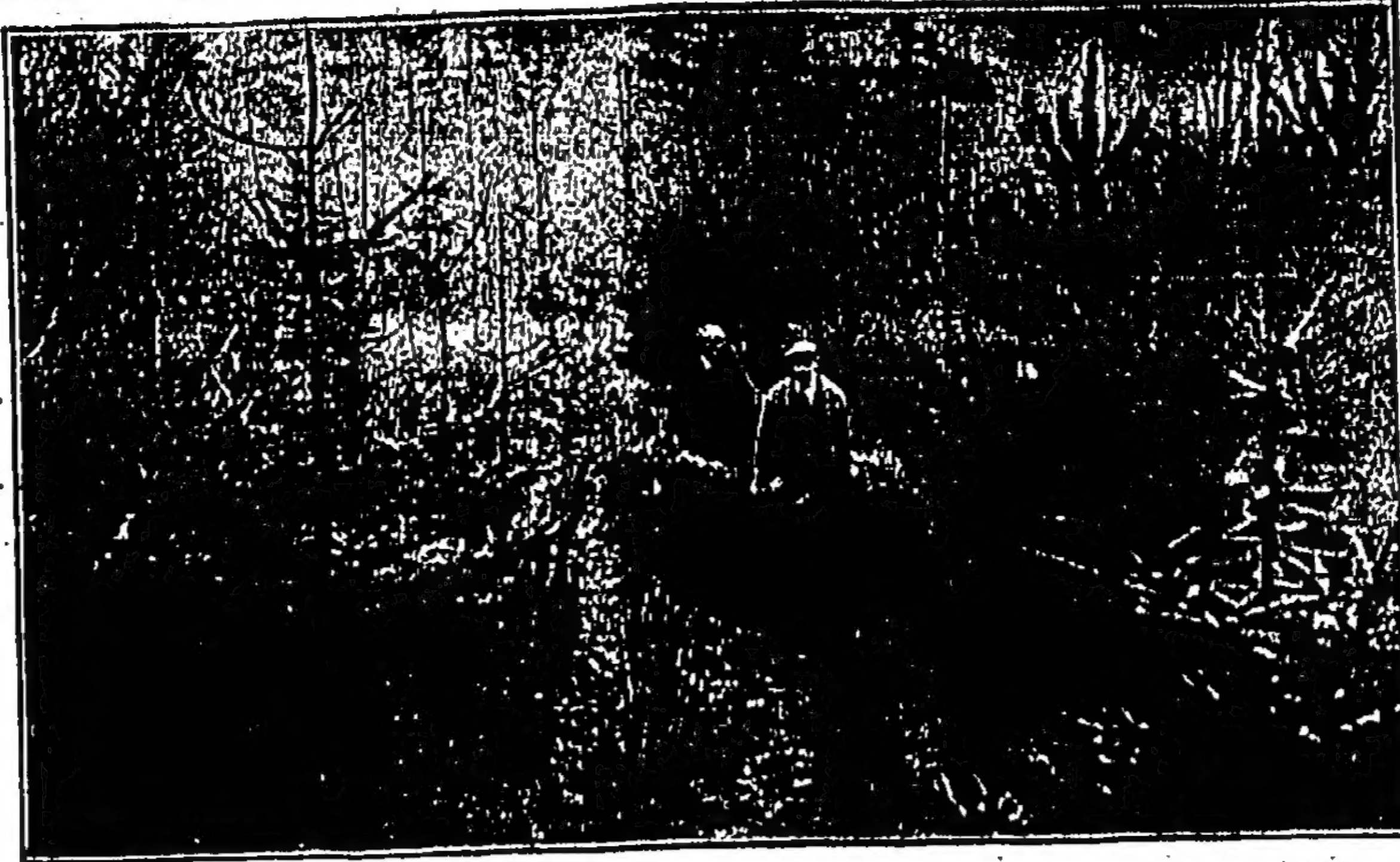
DON'T WORRY ABOUT
THAT, HEZEY—I'LL JUST
KILL TWO BIRDS WITH
ONE STONE—GIVE
OL' MAMIE A DRINK—

AND COOL YOU
OFF!

MODERN SEARCHLIGHT MARVEL: CHAMPION CATS AT CRYSTAL PALACE.



This searchlight, equipped with 300 small mirrors, makes it possible to plot the position of an aeroplane in the sky and to determine its height, speed and direction. Once caught in the beams, a hostile craft cannot escape. It is the invention of Major Jack Savage and his technical staff, and is likely to be included eventually in the air defences of London.—(Times copyright).



Cutting Christmas trees at Malton, in Yorkshire, ready for the London markets. "Buy British" was the slogan that applied in England this year.—(Times copyright).



Tulip of Runnymede, exhibited by Mrs. Reynolds Sams, first prize and champion.—(Times copyright).



Mr. Bert Hinkler, the Australian aviator, being chaired on his arrival at Hainworth Aerodrome after his great flight from South America.—(Times copyright).



A prize kitten at the National Cat Club's Championship show at the Crystal Palace. It is Miss Langborne's, Alfonso of the Combe.—(Times copyright).

Gems of Peril

BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

Rich old Mrs. Jupiter is robbed and murdered during the engagement party she gave for her secretary, Mary Hartman. The thief fails to get the famous Jupiter necklace. Suspicion points to Mary's brother, Eddie, who is killed by a car as he goes to meet her. Police drop the case, believing Eddie guilty. Bowen, police reporter for the Star, conducts a private investigation. He discovers a racketeer called the Fly to whom Eddie owed money. Eddie's coat, found in the house, is recognized by the racketeer as one worn by a "sister-racketeer" he ejected the night of the murder. Bowen, Mary's fiancé, Dirk Ruyter, believes Eddie guilty and forbids her to see Bowen, fearing further trouble. They quarrel but make up and plan to marry at once. Mary meets Bowen in a seamy way where the Fly is said to be hiding. Dirk comes to take her home. He is on his way to look up the Jupiter necklace in his office safe. Dirk proves the Fly is not there. Mary clings to the necklace about her throat just as three strangers enter.

They leave, followed by Bowen, who fears an attempt on the necklace. Dirk does not. The two men quarrel. Just as Dirk looks up the necklace there is a crash in the street outside. Bowen lets the thieves smash into his car rather than overtake Mary and Dirk. Dirk still possesses the necklace. The Fly and Mary come off with Bowen.

CHAPTER XXII

"You shouldn't have done that," Bowen objected. "Now how'll you get home?"

"I'm not going home just yet," Mary said. "You're going back to Shay's and get what fingerprints you can. Where are the ones you got off the gun?"

"In my hotel room."

"I'll go there and wait for you. I don't fall equal to Shay's again, right now. Besides, it might be better if you went alone."

"I'll get kicked out anyway," Bowen muttered morosely. "Look, he said, 'you better not do this. You better make it up with him while you can, or there's liable not to be any wedding tomorrow.'"

"There isn't going to be any how!" Mary flamed. "Until I find out who's right. If those fingerprints tally, there won't be any, anyway, until that man's caught, one thing at a time, and that comes first with me. If they don't—if you've just been giving me a—cock-and-bull story."

"Why should I do that?"

"To get a sensational story."

"I haven't printed a line about you yet, have I?"

"Then, if that isn't the reason, Dirk said you had another—" she turned several shades of pink in quick succession, but blurted it out nevertheless—"he said you were making up excuses for sticking around because—you were in love with me."

"It didn't faze Bowen. 'I don't say I'm not,' he gritted, looking straight ahead."

"Oh, then—"

"Every blame word I've said is the truth, and you know it!" he cried bitterly. "And I'm tired of having my word doubted! I don't have to prove it. If you want to drop the matter, we'll drop it right here and now. It's entirely up to you. I hate the Fly's gizzard, but I can let my feelings go. You're the one most concerned."

"Odd that it had never occurred to Dirk just that way!"

"I'm going with you."

"Then come on." Bowen's hotel was just around the corner in a side-street, nearer Sixth than Fifth Avenue. It was not fashionable but clean and warm. Bowen bought some magazines at the lobby stand, and guided Mary gingerly by an elbow into a small, rose and gold room opening off the lobby.

An old woman in a soiled uniform crippled forward. "Hello, Kate," Bowen greeted her. "Take good care of this for me, will you? Till I come back."

Kate's eyes took in Mary from head to toe, with cynical interest. "Sure I will," she promised, with enthusiasm. Kate had executed commissions for newspapermen before. She would soon know what this beautiful damsel in distress had been up to. Shot her lover, perhaps. Whatever it was she'd been crying about, it thrilled Kate that she should know about it before it came out in tomorrow's papers.

Mary established herself on the shabby divan with Town and Tatle and fell to reading, more to escape the old woman's questioning than anything else. Eventually the old soul hebbled away, muttering to herself about the uppityness of some people.

When they got you in the jug, you'll talk, my fine girl," she threatened through the wall.

Mary read on, oblivious of having offended. It was rather fun making out who was meant by the people referred to in those small, scandalous paragraphs in the gossip magazine. No names were mentioned, of course, but it was usually made plain enough. This, for instance,

"Why it is that we never appreciate what we have until it is another's? What child of great wealth—a bud of three seasons ago—is making rather a fool of herself over a childhood sweetheart whose devotion she was wont to ridicule until he took unto himself a fiancée? She is said to be relying heavily on the fact that the said fiancée is involved in a messy family scandal just now, which only the immense wealth and political pull of her sponsor has succeeded in squelching."

A cold prickles began to creep over Mary, and she sat upright on the couch, realizing suddenly that it must be herself who was meant! Her eyes riced on;

"Both aspirants to the hand of the blue-blooded and personable young lawyer come to the post well equipped—the dob with this world's goods, and the fiancée with more than her share of looks. But if all Dame Rumour whispers is true, and the lucky girl's elderly sponsor makes legal and binding his promise to make her his heir, then the scales will tilt heavily in her favour."

Bowen came hurrying in, his arms full of packages. In his left hand he held a whisky-bottle carefully by the neck.

"Sorry to be so long," he explained, "but I had to buy some powder and some other junk. . . . I got a pretty good thumb print, I think, but the rest are not so good. I want to wait here a little longer till I go up and develop this. I'll hurry. . . ."

"What's the bottle for?" Mary asked, bewildered.

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Mary hurried the magazine as far as she could throw it, and took a turn around the room to cool off. The impudence of it! The cowardliness! How dare people publish nasty innuendoes of that sort, and expect to escape punishment? A suit for libel would be the very least they could expect; if she were a man, of she had a father, or a brother—or, she added miserably, a fiancé! Old-fashioned horse-whipping was too good for the purveyors of such slander!

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Quick thinking and action of a veteran engineer saved passengers when these locomotives crashed at Pittsburgh. He brought his train to a sudden stop when he saw the freight engine, left, bear down on him. He took the crash head on rather than risk clearing a switch and having the freight engine strike a passenger coach. Twenty-five were injured, none seriously.

"Don't touch it!" He drew it away from her pointing finger. "It's his—the Fly's. He drinks a special brand. Mike sneaked it for me while Jack's back was turned. Let me get upstairs with it, quick, before something happens to it." He was leaning with it, quick, before something happens to it.

"Can you imagine it? I been carrying this down the street like this. Afraid to wrap it up and smear the print. Wonder I wasn't pinched." He started off, and Mary followed.

"Oh, don't leave me here! One more black mark on my reputation won't hurt. I'm going up with you." In the elevator she asked bitterly, "Did you know what was in that magazine you gave me?"

When they were out of hearing of an exotic-looking couple who went up in the elevator with them she told him. Bowen did not seem impressed.

"Oh, who reads that lousy little sheet anyway? A handful of nut-wits with more money than brains, who know it anyhow, and about a million repressed schoolteachers who won't understand it after they read it. Forget it."

"Emily Ann Ruyter reads it," Mary said worriedly. "I suppose she's in the midst of a pink fit by now."

"Forget it! We'll have Emily Ann begging your pardon on bended knee before we're through."

He propped the door of his room open with a book, and laid his purchases out on the table, the precious bottle occupying an open space all its own. After that, they did not bother to talk. Bowen

set to work and Mary watched, absorbed. The thumb print came up clearly, the others were, as he had said, too faint to be of much good.

Presently he raised a flushed, perspiring countenance and said dramatically, "Now!" He laid on the table the sheet of paper containing the fingerprints obtained from the gun. Beside it he placed a finger-print chart and a magnifying glass. Occupying the place of honour stood the whisky-bottle, erect, its powderblackened sides showing a variety of finger-smudges.

He bent his eye to the magnifying glass, moving it from one to the other, back and forth.

"I'm no expert," he said, at last, "but if those thumb-prints aren't identical, I'll eat 'em. I'll get an expert's opinion on it, if you want it. The boys in the identification bureau will do it for me."

"Do it, will you?" she asked eagerly. "I accept your word, but we must be absolutely certain."

"Right. Tomorrow, without fail. Well, Miss Sherlock Holmes, let's shut up shop for tonight."

He removed a pile of clean shirts from a dresser drawer, laid his exhibits carefully away in the empty drawer, locked it, and they went out.

"It's only 10 o'clock," he whispered in the elevator. "You'll be home and in beddy-byes in an hour. What could be sweeter? And don't worry. Your boy-friend'll come around all right. Keep a stiff upper lip, and remember what you've

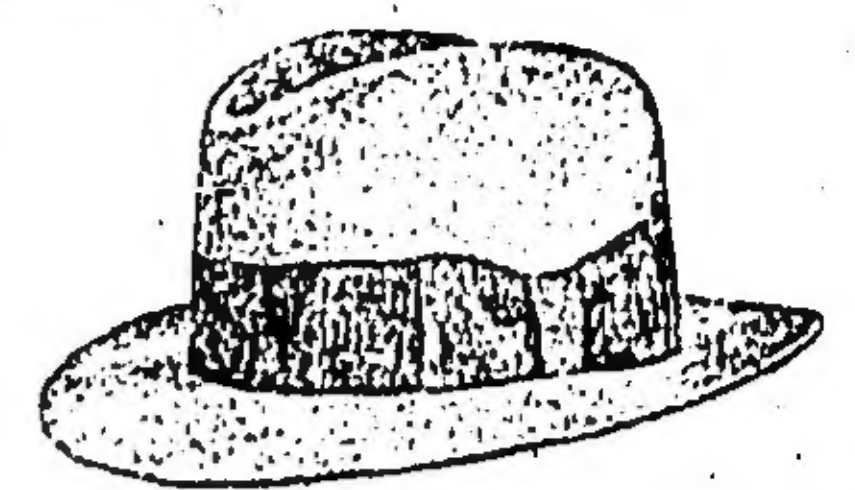
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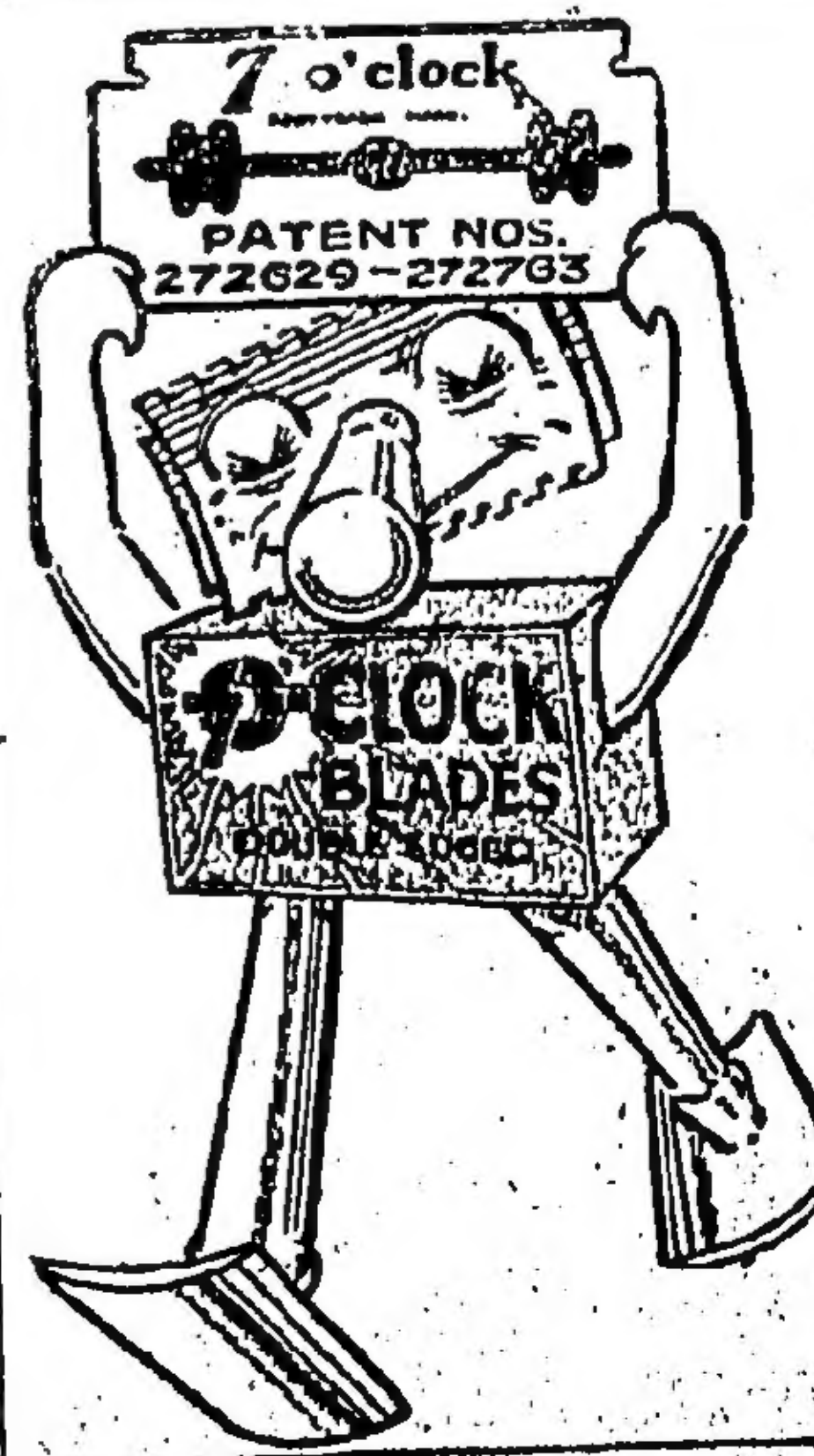
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Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the consignees, and the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard and Douglas at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, the 12th January, 1932. Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyor.

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M. A. ANNETT, Liquidator.

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Form of tender and further particulars can be obtained from the office of the Director of Public Works.

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HAROLD T. CREASY, Director of Public Works.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1931.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 11th day of January, 1932, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Ma Tau Kok, in the Colony of Hongkong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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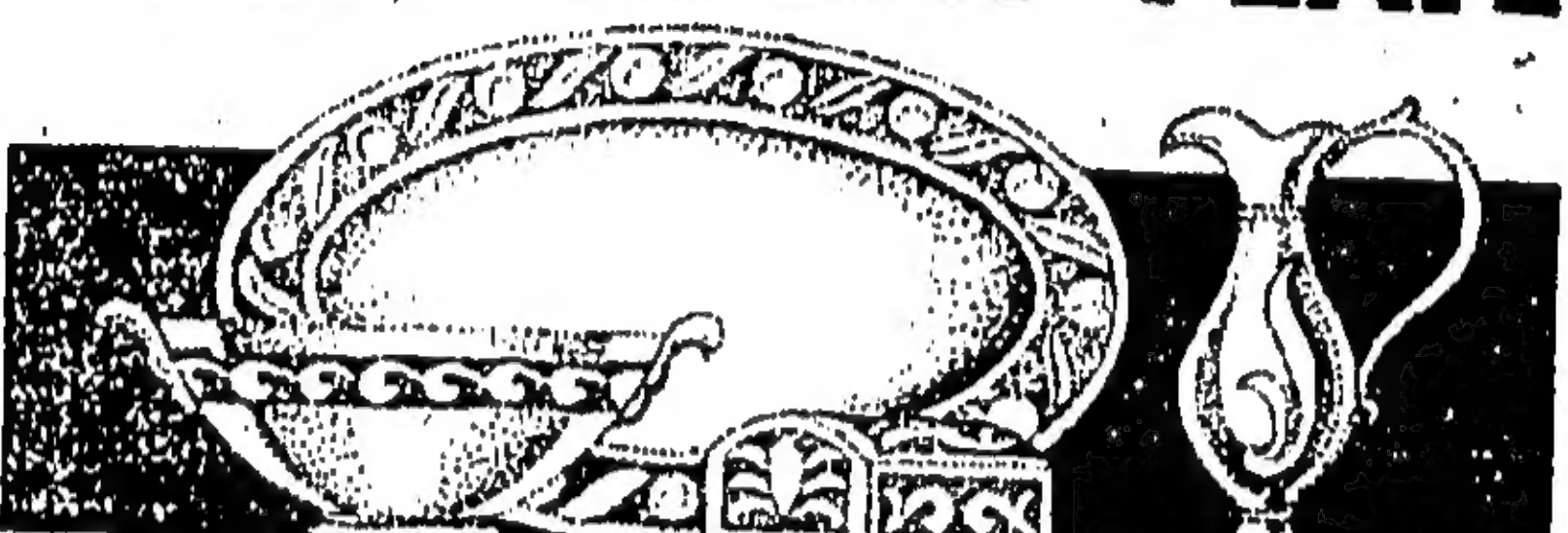
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Definite information will be published in the Mail Notices directly it is received.

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Shanghai and Japan	Karmala	January 15.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time
Saigon	Prosper	Wed., Jan. 6, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Taihan	Wed., Jan. 6, 3.30 p.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	Taihan	Wed., Jan. 6, 4 p.m.
Manila	Rheton	Wed., Jan. 6, 4 p.m.
Hoihow and Haiphong	Menado Maru	Thurs., Jan. 7, 8.30 a.m.
Formosa	Bonarty	Thurs., Jan. 7, 1.30 p.m.
Sundakan	Mausang	Thurs., Jan. 7, 1.30 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Kumang	Thurs., Jan. 7, 1.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs., Jan. 7, 3 p.m.
Amoy and Swatow	Cremer	Thurs., Jan. 7, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Tjibadak	Fri., Jan. 8, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiching	Fri., Jan. 8, 1 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Santhia	Fri., Jan. 8, 1 p.m.
Haliphong	Parcels	Fri., Jan. 8, 1.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Fushimi Maru	Sat., Jan. 9, 8.45 a.m.

Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and Europe via Victoria B.C. and Europe via Siberia

President Taft

Parcels, Jan. 9, 3 p.m.

Reg., Jan. 9, 4.15 p.m.

Letters, Jan. 9, 5 p.m.

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Sat., Jan. 9, 1.30 p.m.

Pres. Pierce

Sat., Jan. 9, 2 p.m.

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Sun., Jan. 10, 8.30 a.m.

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Swatow, Amoy and Foochow

Tues., Jan. 12, 2 p.m.

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Pres. Jackson Tues., Jan. 12, 4.30 p.m.

Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and Europe via San Francisco and Europe via Siberia

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Tues., Jan. 12, 5 p.m.

Chiehbu Maru

Wed., Jan. 13, 5 p.m.

Reg., Jan. 13, 8.30 a.m.

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Fri., Jan. 15, 1 p.m.

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Karmala

Sat., Jan. 16, 4.30 p.m.

Reg., Jan. 16, 9 a.m.

Letters, Jan. 16, 10 a.m.

G.P.O.

Parcels, Jan. 15, 5 p.m.

Reg., Jan. 16, 9.45 a.m.

Letters, Jan. 16, 10.30 a.m.

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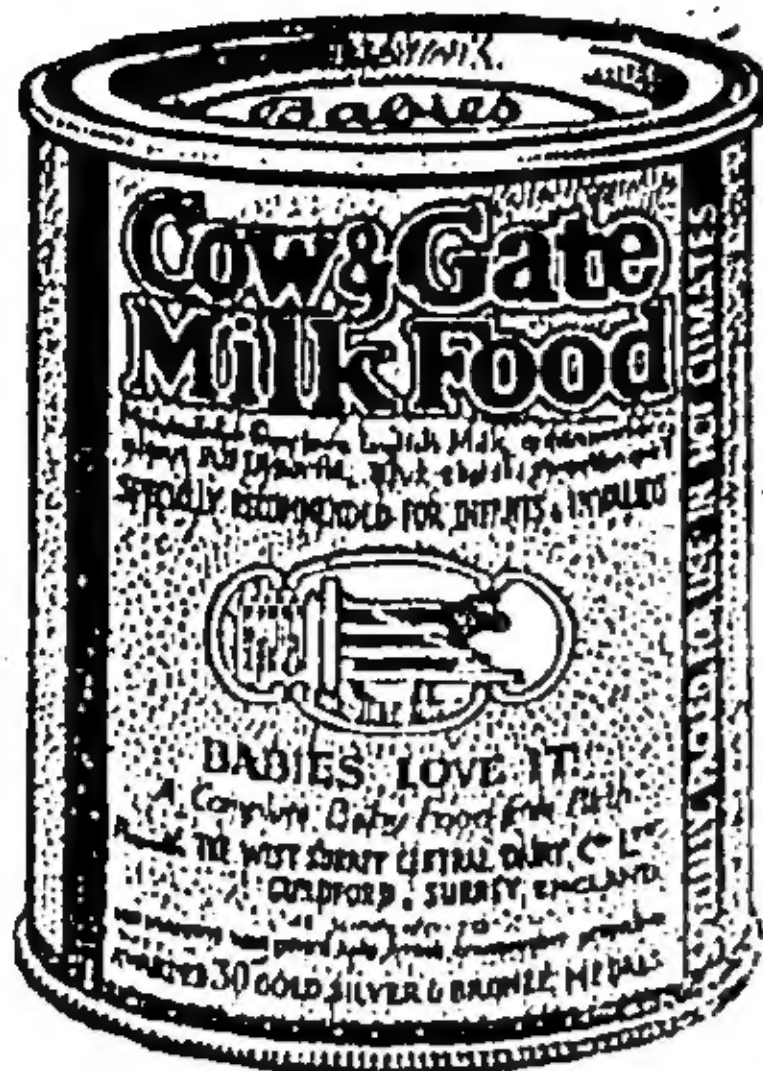
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HOGGIN.—At the French Hospital, Hongkong, on 6th January, 1932, to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. L. Hoggin, a son.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1932.

POLITICAL TRENDS IN CHINA: I.

With the passing of the year 1931, the attempt to rule China on a One-Party System may be said definitely to have failed. The Kuomintang has been reduced to a condition of impotence by the internal strife engendered by the attempt to suppress variety of opinion, while outside the bounds of the Party other parties have been springing up and organising themselves in movements whose visible expression has been seen in the extraordinary demonstrations made of Nanking by the students from the big university and school centres, particularly from Shanghai, Peking, Tientsin and Nanking itself.

Let us look first at the movement within the Kuomintang. The enforced resignation and detention of Mr. Hu Han-min in the Spring was the signal for a widespread Kuomintang revolt against Chiang Kai-shek and his close associates in the Government. The opposition gathered at Canton, raised the standard of revolt and organised its own Government. This Government was, however, clearly nothing more than the Opposition Benches for which the One-Party System fails to provide but which under a two or more party system would have had easy and free means of expressing its opinion, with the prospect of succession to office when it became sufficiently representative. The Kuomintang split on the rock of its heritage from the bad days of its association with the Russian Communist system. The Three Principles, in spite of their opposition to individual liberty, are based on the development of the democratic systems of the West. Their ancestry is to be traced in English and Dutch constitutional history, with a spice of French republicanism. To this tradition the One-Party System, with the possible dominance of a minority in the Government, is wholly repugnant. With the purgation of the Party and the breach with Russian Communism, the Kuomintang sought to rid itself of elements alien to a democratic system. But the exigencies of the political situation, its fears of the ideas it had first fostered and then cast out,

and its serious numerical minority in the country, induced it to play with the One-Party policy, and with the vicious system by which that party dominates the Government.

The political history of the past few months has been that of the attempt of the Party to solve the enigma it had set itself. When a revolt occurred, not of elements hostile to the Kuomintang, but of men of the very heart of the movement, men who had been close associates of the Founder, and who were older members of the movement than some members of the Government, it was clear even to Chiang Kai-shek that some arrangement of differences must be found. Each side threatened war, but the utmost care was taken to avoid coming to blows. The political heads of both sides determined that a peaceful way out must be found, and after intolerable delays, and under pressure of the external situation, the peace conference met in Shanghai and evolved the peculiar solution of gathering two separate plenary conferences of the Party, each electing its quota to the Central Executive Committee by whom the new Government should be elected.

Here, at the moment, the matter stands. The new Government has been elected. The titular headship has passed from Chiang Kai-shek. The political element is dominant, and Chiang Kai-shek has resisted the temptation to become a war lord. The position, however, is by no means clear. It remains to be seen whether any flexible method for the change of government is being introduced, and what scope for variety of opinion is to be given. On the whole, we look on the new Government as but temporary; its tenure of office as at best insecure. The growth of the anti-Kuomintang movement and some speculations regarding the future are matters which we must leave over for consideration until to-morrow.

An Ancient Chinese.

The discovery of the skull of the Peking Man has proved a veritable godsend to the anthropologists, who have not had such a fruitful subject for controversy for many years. According to one prominent group, the discovery thrusts the first primitive man farther and farther back into the dim and distant past. He is more than a million years older than they thought he was because the Peking Man, who lived a million years ago, must be comparatively youthful, having enjoyed such modern conveniences as a heated apartment and a full set of stone implements. The excavation made in North China have failed to reveal anything resembling a prehistoric steam radiator or a gas fire, but there seems little doubt that the gentleman so rudely unearthed after a sleep of a million years was possessed of knowledge which enabled him to build a fire to take the chill off the midwinter morning while he stirred up a couple of dodo's eggs for a breakfast of saurapoda omelet. The investigators from Britain led by Sir Arthur Keith have returned to London from China to testify to the discovery of stone implements formed with a high degree of skill and to give evidence that the primitive Peking Man of 1,000,000 years used fire. Not only does this put back fire-making to "a period more than twice as remote as that which hitherto had been assumed," but it also indicates that mankind had travelled through a good many more thousands of centuries to arrive at the knowledge and skill necessary to make fire. Revised calculations, therefore, may result in thrusting the primitive human perhaps a couple of millions of years further into the past; so far, in fact, that anthropologists and geologists may have to organise a joint expedition to dig into the situation. When one considers that it evidently took about 10,000 centuries to advance from the open fire to the open fireplace, one may be excused for venturing an opinion that "primitive" man may have been a million or two years old when he drove the herd of dodo's into the back pasture for a couple of weeks while he gave the ceratopsia an opportunity to browse in the meadow.

DAY BY DAY

WHAT YOU DO NOT SPEAK OF, YOU WILL SELDOM ACCURATELY THINK OF.—Goethe.

The R.M.S. of Russia arrived at Vancouver at 7 a.m. yesterday.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Revenue Officer Harold Victor Pearce, No. 76, Morrison Hill Road, to Miss Elizabeth Neen Thomas, No. 120, Whitfield.

The Rival Day celebration, which was postponed on account of the diphtheria epidemic, will now be held at the Peninsula Hotel at 8.30 p.m. on Sunday, 10th inst.

Mrs. Angus of Humphreys Buildings, has reported to the Police that some time yesterday afternoon some person stole a counterpane valued at \$5 from the roof of the premises where it had been hanging out to dry.

A hundred head of cattle arrived for the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co. by the Blue Funnel s.s. Tyndarus from Vancouver yesterday. The biggest single shipment to come East, it comprised 48 Ayrshires and 52 Holsteins. One of the cows calved aboard the ship on arrival in Hongkong.

Li Fat, second prisoner in the Kowloon City robbery case, which was continued at the Criminal Sessions this morning, gave evidence denying having taken part and alleged that he was struck by Chinese police. Explaining his reply to the charge at the Police Station, "I have not much to say. I was implicated by my friends," prisoner said he meant that his friends might have falsely accused him. The case is proceeding.

Beyond a letter from the Government relative to the fees to be charged for special food licences already gazetted, the fortnightly meeting, yesterday, of the Sanitary Board was of a formal nature. There were present Mr. G.H. Sayer (President), Dr. G.W. Pope (Medical Officer of Health), Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Hon. Sir T. N. Chai, Mr. K. K. Lo, Mr. F. C. Hall, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, Mr. J. H. Gelling (Secretary), and Mr. J. Hargreaves (Assistant Secretary).

IF MARRIED STAY AT HOME.

THE WOMAN'S DUTY.

Following a declaration by Alderman W. Jerrard that—

"When a woman gets married her duty is at home."

Lewisham Borough Council have decided that the appointments of women on their staff must terminate on marriage.

There were protests and sharp discussion. Mrs. Trevor Edwards, wife of the vicar, said those who thought that marriage would have a devastating effect on a woman's ability must have a poor opinion of matrimony. (Laughter.)

But Alderman Jerrard argued that the right conclusion in the matter was old-fashioned. "I am old-fashioned," he added, "it is the duty of the man who marries a woman to keep her."

(Applause.) The majority in favour of imposing the new condition was overwhelming.

SIR W. JOWITT.

A BYE-ELECTION SHORTLY.

A bye-election is probable shortly in Montrose Burghs, with Sir William Jowitt, the Attorney-General, as National Labour candidate.

It is understood that Sir Robert Hutchison, the sitting member, who is a follower of Sir John Simon, is to receive a peerage. It is learned that Sir William Jowitt's candidature has the approval of Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Baldwin and Sir John Simon, but the attitude of local Liberals and Conservatives is uncertain. It is probable that the Labour Party will bring forward a strong candidate.

At the General Election the figures were: Sir Robert Hutchison (L.) 17,212 Mr. A. F. Macintosh (Lab.) 5,187

L. majority 12,075

Good-bye to Burnley.

Mr. Arthur Henderson has informed the Burnley Trades Council and Labour Party that he does not propose to accept nomination again as Labour candidate for that constituency, and that if he re-enters Parliament, it must be for a constituency which will enable him more easily and effectively to discharge his official party duties.

The letter did not come from Mr. Henderson, but from Labour headquarters in London. It was a surprise to the local Labour leaders, who understood that Mr. Henderson had been too indisposed to deal with political affairs.

GENERAL POST IN THE ARMY.

By R. J. T. HILLS.

The last baggage-van door slammed home. The fatigue party shouldered itself into jackets picked up from the platform. The transport Sergeant climbs perilously round the outside of a cattle truck, cat-burglar fashion, seeing to it that handropes are secure.

He is old enough to remember the Chemin de Fer du Nord. I wonder if ever he heard that story—a perfectly true one—of the yeomanry horse that fell from its truck going up to Sally Labourse? You could never depend on a horse catching an English train up at the next halt.

Lines of close-cropped heads sticking out of carriage windows, smoke-spiralled from half a thousand cigarettes: a shrillness where the "married patch" is entrained. The Adjutant and the R.S.M. part with a salute, an anxious look over. The girl wipes away a tear—and repairs its ravages in the interest of the incoming regiment. A whistle and a stream of smoke. The Regiment is moving again.

It's been doing that for two centuries and a half. Up and down the British Isles, half over Europe, West to the Americas, East to Peking, South to New Zealand, even North to Archangel it has moved. Leaky transports have carried it, petrol drenched lorries, belled camels, its own weary feet. Now is the Trooping Season again.

Far fewer are the moves nowadays. There was a time before the Duke of Wellington thought of a Police-Force, or Sir Robert Peel brought one into being, when the Army represented law and order. A regiment was kept always moving then, lest it should get too friendly with the civilians.

Moves at home are dictated by the needs of organisation and training. There are little garrisons where a battalion might vegetate and grow fat. For these there lurks a sudden pitchforking to the storm centres of Aldershot or Tidworth. It's time Scotland had a glimpse of the "Fife and Forfar" again. Over the Border with them. The foreign service roster is a much more serious affair. Moves are published annually. Regiments know years before. A stern business—silver to the bank: elimination of the few unfit, old dusty Smith to the Depot to finish his time: young Mrs. Jones home to Mother till she "comes on the strength."

Sad; but a regiment looks forward. It'll come back, years on. Most of its men will be "time ex." Even old Bill the Armourer, who says he remembers married men settling up house in the barrack-room, will be gone.

Look at the "trooping list." What a stir is going on! The 14th/20th are off to Egypt. You saw their pictures in the papers. Well, they're used to the East—the Ramnagor Boys. The K.D.G.s. Hounslow. The Cavalry know what that means—next turn for the beat. Edinburgh is ready for the 9th Lancers, on their way from Sialkot. Lucky Ninth—they call Edinburgh the finest cavalry station in the land.

The Infantry lists open quietly. The Royal Scots, that most ancient regiment, do not budge: one

battalion of the "Queen's" ambles quietly from Dover to "The Shot." The Buffs remain steady: Palestine to Egypt is an easy one for the "King's Own."

What a scatter, though, for the "Fighting Fifth." Were ever such striders? The Second Battalion takes the place of the First at York. That's easy on the face of it. But the First Battalion must go to the West Indies, while the Second bounds clear from Shanghai. Master moves on the chessboard of Empire. And what will the 2nd Royal Scots Fusiliers think of Catterick after China? At all events it's nearer the heather of home.

Rarely, if ever, do they meet, these linked battalions of the British Line. Yet they know each other like brothers. Every man comes from the same Depot, those pleasant, old-fashioned regimental homes. There is a constant coming and going of drafts and individuals. The War gave them meetings, and some of them even had time to re-organise together in the breathing space after it was over. Normally a regiment never parades complete. For that, of course, is the Cardinal System: one home and one away. Yet here's a regiment—the D.C.L.I.—with a battalion at The Rock and another at Boreilly. That's a trick of the trade, for "Gib" counts as a home station.

The "Die Harde" are on the move—Colchester to Palestine, India to Colchester (via the Soudan). Cockneys on a Crusade—a peaceful one: Cockneys coming home to tell the "Old Pot and Pan" wondrous tales of bazaars and Pyramids. Perhaps it's all old stuff to Dad, though. Soldiering often runs in London families.

Better rub up your geography before you study the movement orders. Where is Maymoy? Answer me that without an atlas. I shall believe what you say—I don't know myself. Deal—that rings like temple bells: Almedabad, Nazirabad—shades of the Forty Thieves.

Hundreds of stations. Some are great garrisons, full of ordinary little Britishers doing their quiet bit. Some are mere footholds held by a batch of R.E.s. or Gunners. The Gunners—the Royal Regiment. Well, you know the boast of the Gunners? They have no emblazoned battle honours, they've fought on every field. And they serve in every station.

There is a tradition in the Army—never ask a man why he joined. So I asked an old sailor yesterday—a lifelong student of the Services—why boys join to-day.

"Glamour," said he, surprisingly enough. "As much romance as ever there was. They're British—think's why."

You know the cry of the incurable optimist? Every sound becomes a song—if you'll hear it that way. Lift your chin—and you'll see the fretted pinacles against the sky, missing the garbage in the gutter. Happy the man in the marching ranks. His song goes in front, with the Drum-Major marking the rhythm. The soldier's chin was drilled up at his Depot, and stays there. Shanghai, Jamaica, and dear old fog-hung shores of Britain—you'll look good to the Regiment this Trooping Season.



"It's nice to have you for a neighbour, Mrs. Dooley. Me and the woman who lived there before just quarrelled all the time."

DRUNKENNESS NO DEFENCE.**BRITISH SEAMAN SENTENCED.****RAZOR INCIDENT.**

William Wishart, the seaman of the s.s. Pentyne, who was charged with inflicting grievous bodily harm on another seaman, William Davidson, on the morning of January 1, with a razor, was convicted by Mr. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning and sentenced to one month's hard labour.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, who appeared for the prosecution this morning pressed very strongly for a conviction. He said serious injuries had been inflicted on Davidson, and submitted that no evidence had been given to show that the defendant did not know what he was doing. After quarrelling with the complainant, he went back to his bunk and there obtained a razor with which he injured Davidson. The fact that he did this showed that he still had possession of his mental faculties, contended Mr. Whyte-Smith, although it was not contested that he was drunk.

Dangerous Precedent.

Mr. Whyte-Smith quoted authorities supporting his argument that although defendant was intoxicated at the time, there was intent. It would be dangerous, he said, if drunkenness could provide a complete defence in cases of that nature, and that it would be dangerous if his Worship did not convict.

Defendant stated that he had been on the Pentyne for six months, during which time he had always been good friends with the complainant. As far as he himself was concerned, they were still good friends. On New Year's Eve, they went ashore with two other seamen and had some drinks, returning to the ship a few minutes before midnight with some liquor. He only vaguely remembered that there was a quarrel between him and Davidson and did not remember anything except that he was struck in the face.

Good Character.

Capt. Bullock, of the Pentyne, testified to defendant's good character. He said he had the latter's papers, all of which showed that he had received a satisfactory discharge from every ship he had been on. Witness had had no trouble with defendant whatever.

His Worship said he must convict the defendant on the evidence of wounding. He was satisfied that the defendant bore no grudge against Davidson and that he did not consider in his own mind what he was doing at the time.

His Worship would bear in mind defendant's good character, but it was a serious offence. He would impose as light a sentence as he could.

POLICE SIGNALS IGNORED.**MOTOR BOAT COXSWAIN FINED.**

Fok Pak, the coxswain of the motor boat Tai Lee, was charged before the Hon. Comdr. Hoie, at the Marine Court this morning, with having failed to stop his boat while under way in the harbour when called upon to do so by a police officer at 9.14 p.m. on December 29.

The accused admitted the charge, but said when he heard the first signal given by the police launch he thought it was meant for another boat. On hearing the second signal, he stopped, and on hearing the third he turned round and went alongside the police launch.

Sergeant Hill said there were about eight passengers in accused's boat which was proceeding towards the Yau-mat-junk anchorage. The accused did not stop at the first two signals, but stopped at the third, inside the junk anchorage. Altogether, five signals were given by the police launch. Two were flash lights when the accused passed the launch. There was a possibility that the accused might have thought the signals were meant for another boat.

Remarking that accused should have stopped and seen for whom the signals were meant, the Magistrate imposed a fine of \$10 or one week's imprisonment.

Last week's health return shows 72 cases of diphtheria, of which one was imported, with two fatalities. There were also three cases of typhoid (one fatal), and one non-fatal case each of small-pox (imported) and cerebro-spinal fever. Thirty-three deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis were reported.

PIRACY HERO MARRIED AT MACAO.

Our photo was taken in Macao recently after the wedding of Mr. Alberto de Mello, M.B.E., who figured prominently in the Haiching piracy, and Miss Ana de Conceicao, at St. Lawrence's Church.

PEAK FILM FIRE SEQUEL.

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sons present. They were definitely members of the general public, admitted free.

His Worship:—Were no other members of the general public except amahs present?

Mr. Wolfe:—There were 27 children, six adults and a number of amahs, also two wiremen of the Hongkong Electric Company. I may say that the two wiremen were apparently there in connexion with the Christmas tree. They were members of the public, and were not invited.

Mr. Dennis remarked that as it was the house of the manager of the Hongkong Electric Company, it would not be unusual for two of the Company's wiremen to be there.

Mr. Wolfe:—It is not the manager's house. The manager's house is just below mine on Mount Kellett.

Decision Held Over.

His Worship:—It is rather an important point whether the performance in this building did or did not constitute a public entertainment within the meaning of the Ordinance. I should prefer to hold the point over for consideration.

Referring to the remaining two summonses against the Company, Mr. Dennis said Messrs. Pathe Orient Co., under one name or another, had been established in Hongkong for over 25 years and was one of the best known firms of film distributors. In 1928 they moved into their present premises from Queen's Road and built a strong room which must have been passed by the Building Authority. It had iron doors, corrugated iron walls and no-one lived on the top floor where the room is situated. The police visited the premises and were shown the strong room marked "No smoking" and "No admittance." No work was done on the premises. In the strong room, the police found 296 reels of film.

Mr. Dennis remarked that Mr. Landolt had only been manager of the firm for two months, the former manager now being in Paris.

His Worship adjourned all summonses until next week for the defence to produce, if possible, a certificate issued in connexion with the strong room.

BLUEBEARD TO HANG.**CHEWS GUN WHILE LAWYER PLEADS FOR LIFE.**

Clarksburg (W. Virginia), Dec. 11. Despite an impassioned plea by his counsel, Harry Powers, the American "Bluebeard," was sentenced to death here to-day.

He showed little emotion on hearing his fate.

Powers was convicted of the murder of Mrs. Dorothy Lemke, one of the women whom he was alleged to have met through a matrimonial agency and lured to her death in a mysterious cellar under the garage of his house.

In strange contrast to the emotion of his counsel, Powers, for whose life he was fighting, remained calm and unmoved, chewing gum and unconcernedly watching his lawyer's tears.

Unperturbed.

He had remained equally unperturbed while the assistant prosecutor, in a vehement outburst, strode up and down the stage of the Opera House, where the trial has been taking place, shaking his finger in Powers' face, and calling upon the jury to sentence him to death.

The Opera House was again crowded to the doors with spectators who listened enthralled to the drama unfolded.

As the jury did not bring in any recommendations for mercy, Powers, in accordance with the laws of the State, will go to the gallows.—Reuter.

NEW LINK WITH MAN.**SICKLES OF 6,000 YEARS AGO.**

Bone and flint sickles made 6,000 years ago on Mount Carmel, and endowed with a glaze of which any potter might be proud, provide the clue which has led Miss D. A. E. Garrod, the archaeologist, to the discovery of the earliest known appearance of agriculture.

Miss Garrod described her excavations in the valley of the caves, Mount Carmel, which were carried out for the British School of Archaeology in Jerusalem in collaboration with the American School of Prehistoric Research, at the Royal Anthropological Institute.

Her work, Sir Arthur Keith said was of the greatest importance and interest in the history of man.

"The most remarkable thing," said Miss Garrod, "is that these early people do not appear to have learnt how to make pottery, although this is often found among races with no knowledge of agriculture."

80 Skeletons Found.

"We have found bone hairpins—one in the neighbourhood of a woman's skeleton—and examples of carving very different from anything which has yet been found in Europe or Egypt."

"They had probably no domestic animals, but lived by the unusual combination of hunting and agriculture. A number of stone spear-points suggest that the bow and arrow were used, while fish hooks and delicate harpoons have also been found. Gazelle and big wild ox were apparently their chief sources of meat supply."

"We have about 80 skeletons of these people, who, according to Sir Arthur Keith, were small, long-headed folk, apparently closely related to the pre-Dynastic Egyptians. Another evidence of early date is the finding of remains of the spotted hyena, a species which was early replaced in Palestine by the striped variety."

"We now want to find their grain and grinding stones," Miss Garrod added. "So far we have found stone vessels, but no trace of grinding. The 'silken' glaze on the sickles is generally accepted, however, as conclusive evidence that they were used for agriculture."

THE GOLD-MAKER.**NON-CLOTHES TEST BEFORE EXPERTS.**

Paris, Dec. 12. A scientific "gold rush" will be seen in the next few days in one of the laboratories of Paris University.

Under the eyes of three experts, a young Russian professor, stripped of his clothes, will manipulate a strange apparatus by means of which he believes he can produce pure gold.

He is Professor Jean de Habbank Dunikowski, of the University of Lwow, who possesses the diplomas of 10 scientific bodies.

The apparatus he has invented emits radio-active currents, which, when applied to mineral-bearing rock and earth, he declares, extract from them minerals to a greater extent than has hitherto been possible.

From rocks taken from the sea off Monaco he has, under the control of the Oceanographic Institute, it is stated, extracted blue, green and pink metals hitherto unknown.

"From matter from which up to now it has been possible only to extract 5 grammes of gold," the professor declares, "I believe I can produce 375 grammes of gold."

To exploit his discovery, Professor Dunikowski entered into an arrangement with a syndicate, but as disagreements arose he refused to hand over his secret.

He was arrested on a charge of fraud, but has been released by the examining magistrate so that he can carry out the official and scientifically-controlled experiment.

"HOT" RHYTHM DANCE.**CLEVER EXHIBITION AT KING'S RESTAURANT.****FASCINATION OF THE TANGO.**

To many, one of the most regrettable omissions in public dance programmes in Hongkong, is the staging of exhibition dancing, and it was therefore no surprise to find the King's Theatre Restaurant filled to capacity yesterday afternoon when Mr. C. F. Yip, manager of the "C" Dancing Academy, and his partner, gave exhibitions at the tea dance which is held daily in the grill room.

The innovation was a decided success and the demonstrations of Mr. Yip and his partner were accorded enthusiastic receptions by the large company of terpsichorean adherents.

The first dance, set to a slow fox-trot rhythm, was a combination of the advanced American "cut-rhythm," the English "straight" slow and an assortment of "eccentric" steps usually seen in solo work. The intricate movements, calling for the introduction of a very advanced style of contra movement, perfect balance and a strong sense of rhythm, were cleverly interpreted by the dancers. Though not a dance which could be freely used in a ballroom, it was a very fine interpretation of the present day idea of "hot" rhythm.

The Argentine tango, which followed, was even more entertaining and was, except in a few movements when the dancers became a little ragged, exceedingly well performed. It was a little unfortunate that the band played at a tempo slightly too fast, but Mr. Yip and his partner overcame the obstacle with ease and gave a polished demonstration of this fascinating dance.

Both dancers pleased with some beautiful footwork, and their technique generally was the source of much admiration. Mr. Yip displayed a tendency to dance inside his partner on the half turns and an inclination to drop his shoulders in the contra body movements. These, however, were but slight blemishes in an otherwise attractive demonstration.

Further exhibitions will be given at the tea dance to-morrow, and it is to be hoped that if the demonstrations are continued in the future, Mr. Yip and his partner will give expositions of the waltz and quick step.—S.A.G.

SURGEON PRAISES HIGH HEELS.**WHY WOMEN WEAR THEM.**

High-heeled shoes are harmless, Mr. P. B. Roth says so, and he should know, for he is orthopaedic surgeon to the Miller General Hospital.

In a paper read to a section of the Royal Society of Medicine, and printed in the "Lancet," Mr. Roth states that more than two-thirds of the civilised women of the world wore high-heeled shoes.

Asked why they wore them, he says, most women replied that high heels looked smart, were fashionable, made the feet look smaller, and were much more comfortable than flat heels, especially in standing.

Mr. Roth stated that he could give no credence to the suggestion of objectors that a high heel caused alterations in the spine and abdominal viscera. For walking, a heel of about two inches was more comfortable than flatter heels, provided the ground was fairly smooth. He was unable to find evidence of any harm resulting from high-heeled shoes.

A more likely cause was badly-fitting footwear.

RADIO BROADCAST**TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME OF RECORDED MUSIC.**

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5.00-7.00 p.m. Chinese programme.
6.00-8.30 p.m. Chinese children's programme.
7.00-10.30 p.m. European programme of Victor records.
7.00 p.m. Mail notice.
7.03-7.25 p.m. Hawaiian Music.
Lopo Ulaula.
Palolo-Hula.
Sam-Ku-West Harmony Boys. 21419.
Woonahale.
Kuala.
Royal Hawaiian Trio. 20281.
Honolulu March.
Kohala March.
Frank Ferreira and John K. Pualahi. 20027.

8.00 p.m. (Local time and weather report).
7.25-8.15 p.m. A Concert.
Piano Solo-Album Leaf (Greig).
Capriccio in B Minor (Brahms).
Harold Bauer. 1413.

Song-Dobrynia Nikitich.
Song-a. Erecuse b. Snowdrop.
Nina Kashetz (Soprano). 7111.
Violin Solo-By The Waters Of Minnetonka (Laurance).
Violin Solo-Under The Leaves (Thome).
Rena Chemet. 1228.

Vocal Duet-The Moon Has Raised Her Lamp Above (Benedict).
Koyal Dadmun and Lambert Murphy. 4085.

Vocal Duet-I Know A Bank Whereon The Wild Thyme Grows (Horn).
Olive Kline and Elsie Baker. 4085.
Piano Solo-La Campanella (Paganini-Liszt).
Piano Solo-Necturne in F Sharp Minor (Chopin).
Ignacio Jan Paderevski. 6325.

Song-The Two Grenadiers (Schumann).
Song-Midnight Review (Glinka).
Feodor Chalapin (Bass). 6619.
Violin Solo-Capriccio Antique (Belogh-Kreisler).
Violin Solo-Legend of the Canyon (C. W. Cadman).
Fritz Kreisler. 1093.

8.15-8.42 p.m. Operatic.
Song-Faust-Flower Song (Gounod) (Verdi).
Song-Don Carlos-Oh Fatal Gift. Margarete Matzenauer (Contralto). 6618.

Cello Solo-Meistersinger-Prize Song (Wagner-Wilhelm).
Cello Solo-Tanhausener-Evening Star (Wagner).
Pablo Casals. 6620.
(This record is by special request).
Song-Aida-Heavenly Aida (Verdi).
Song-Boheme-Rudolph's Narrative (Puccini).
Giovanni Martinelli (Tenor). 6595.

8.42-8.56 p.m. Negro Spirituals.
Stand By.
Leave It There.
Pace Jubilee Singers and Hattie Parker. 21551.

You Gonna Reap Just What You Sow. Everybody Got To Walk This Lonesome Valley.
Pace Jubilee Singers. 20310.

8.56-9.25 p.m. Humorous Numbers.
I'd Do Anything For You.
He's So Unusual.
Helene Kane. 22080.

Moonlight and Skies.
Jimmie Rogers with Guitar.
Jimmie Rogers Visits the Carter Family.
Jimmie Rogers. 23574.

Fourth of July At A Country Fair. Going To Ride That Midnight Train. Georgia Yellow Hammers. 20549.
How's Your Folks and My Folks? The Happiness Boys.
I Married The Bootlegger's Daughter.
Frank Crumit. 19730.

9.25-10.05 p.m. Orchestral.
Lobesfeld (Kreisler).
A. Sorenade (Moszkowski) b. Aubade (Auber).
San Francisco Symphony Orch. 6802.

Country Dance No. 1.
Pastoral Dance No. 2 The Merry Makers Dance No. 3 from "Noll Gwyn" (German).
St. Louis Symphony Orch. 9009.

L'Arlesienne (Bizet).
Royal Opera Orchestra Covent Garden conducted by Eugene Goossens. 9112-9113.

10.05-10.27 p.m. Songs by the Revelers Male Quartet.
Raquel-Bye and Bye Sweetheart 21091.
Nola-Among My Souvenirs 21100.
Comin' Home-Evenin' 21807.

10.27 p.m. Rugby mid-day press news.
10.30 p.m. Close down.
(All records in the above two European programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. Tsang Fook Piano Co.).

FRENCH FLIGHT.**AIRMEN TAKE OFF FROM MARSEILLES.**

Marseilles, Jan. 5.

The French airmen Codos and Robida, who are flying to Hanoi, took off this morning on route to Athens, Aloppo, Basrah, Karachi, Allahabad and Rangoon.—Reuter.

Australian Air Mail.

London, Jan. 5.
Air Commodore Kingsford Smith will leave Hamble aerodrome for Southampton to-morrow in the aeroplane Southern Star, with the air mail for Australia.

The start was originally fixed for December 21, but a mishap necessitated dismantling the machine and delaying the departure.—British Wireless.

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MURDERS IN CHINA.**JAPAN TO DESPATCH STRONG WARNING.**

Tokyo, Jan. 5.
It is understood that the Japanese Government intends to protest strongly to the Chinese Government against the frequent attacks on Japanese life and property at Canton, Foochow, Amoy, Swatow, warping China, that will be completed to some landing parties for protection of the agitation.—Reuter.

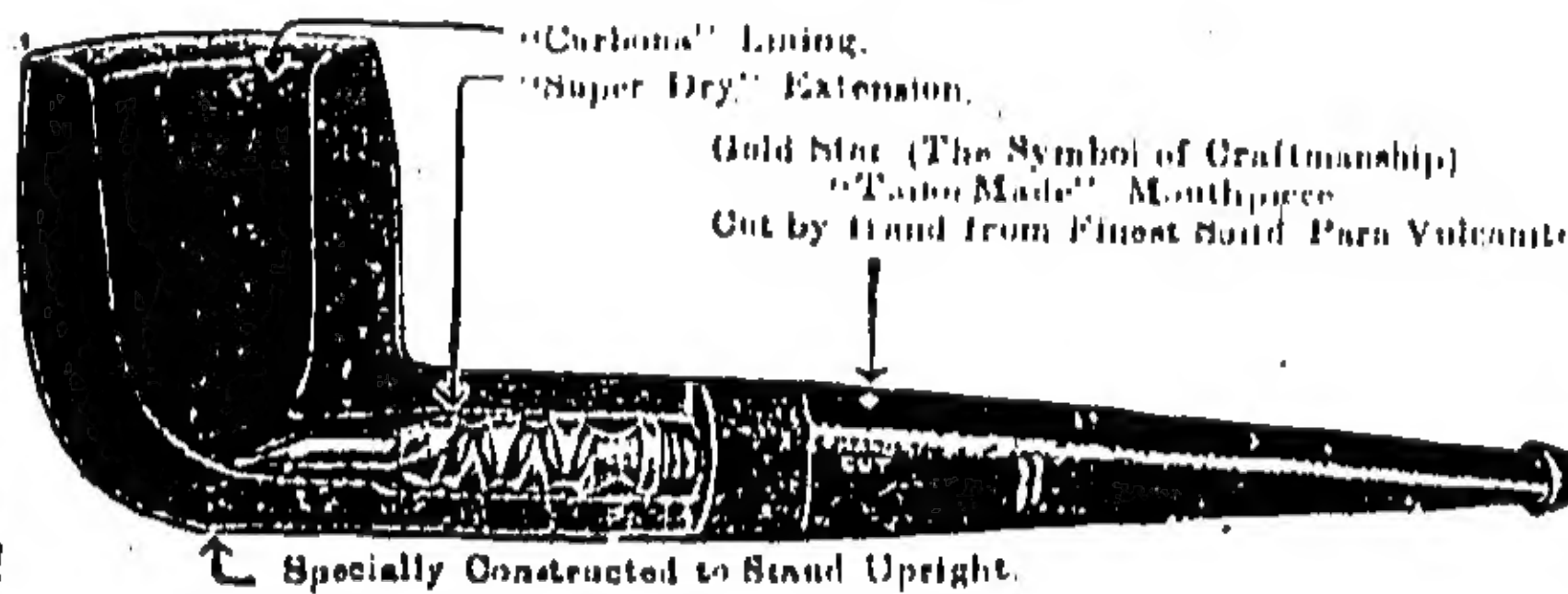
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LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION.

MAY ACQUIRE OWN GROUND.

The most momentous meeting in the history of the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association is to be held on Friday evening when the Council is to consider suggestions for the realisation of the chief ambition of the Association, namely the securing of a ground on which the governing body of the game in the Colony can hold championship, interport and exhibition tennis matches.

Ever since the Association was re-organised in 1930, its paramount aim has been to obtain for itself an enclosure which will allow for the conducting of the principal tennis events in Hongkong, and thanks to the untiring efforts of the Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. P. F. James) and other officials, the scheme has at last been brought to a point where its realisation and application is a practical proposition.

A ground has been found in Kowloon which, after the necessary alterations have been effected, offers itself as a most suitable site for the project, and it now largely rests with the members of the Lawn Tennis Association as to whether or not it shall be acquired for such purposes.

Plans and Estimates Ready.

The plans and estimates have been obtained and have already been approved by the Executive Committee, and these will be presented to the Council on Friday. The Council will, at the same time, be asked to convene an extraordinary general meeting of the Association to consider the following proposals put forward by the Executive Committee:

1. That the Association should acquire and maintain a ground of its own in Kowloon on the site shown in the block plan.

2. That if "1" above is passed the plan and estimates for a pavilion, ground staff quarters and fencing be approved.

3. That the estimates for levelling be approved.

4. That the question of turfing be left to the Executive Committee to decide both as to the area to be turfed and the thickness and suitability of the turf required.

5. That the funds not being required immediately for the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association's purposes, the building of stands be left to the future consideration of the Committee and temporary stands be erected when and if required.

6. That the question of levelling be approved.

7. That in order to secure funds for the purposes outlined steps be taken to incorporate the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association, and that the necessary authority be given for the issue of debentures to an amount sufficient to complete the necessary work and building, and to provide for a reasonable margin to cover unforeseen expenses, for which purpose it is suggested that H.K. \$15,000 be issued in Debenture Certificates of \$50 each.

8. Estimates for the ground and accessories have been prepared, and amount to \$17,700, though this figure includes provision for a stand to accommodate 1,000 persons semi-permanent or permanent at a cost of \$8,000.

9. The foregoing proposals will be considered by the Council on Friday, and if agreed to, will then go before a full meeting of the Association for confirmation.

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SATURDAY'S CRICKET.

H.K. C.C. TEAMS IN LEAGUE MATCHES.

In the First Division of the cricket league on Saturday, the Hongkong C.C. are to meet the Kowloon C.C. at King's Park. The following players have been selected to represent the Hongkong side: T. E. Pearce (Capt.), H. Owen Hughes, H. J. Armstrong, A. C. Beck, A. C. I. Bowker, E. R. Duckitt, Capt. W. H. G. Ginter, O. E. C. Marton, Capt. Mirehouse, E. J. R. Mitchell and A. Reid.

I.R.C. v. University.

The following will represent the Indian R. C. 1st XI in a League match against the University 1st XI on the 1. K. C. ground on Saturday, at 2 p.m.—A. A. Rumjahn (Capt.), F. D. Perera, S. P. Karmant, A. H. Rumjahn, A. H. Madar, S. A. Ismail, O. Ismail, A. K. Minu, A. R. Minu, J. S. A. Curreen and H. D. Rumjahn. Reserves—M. el Arculli and A. T. Barma.

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI v. K.C.C. 2nd XI.

The Hongkong C.C. will be represented by the following players in their league match against the Kowloon C. C. on the former's ground on Saturday: R. K. Hepburn (Capt.), R. R. Davies, R. H. Lowrie, F. A. M. Elliot, C. E. Gahagan, L. D. Kilbee, R. S. W. Paterson, P. W. J. Plummer, W. Stoker, J. R. Way and A. J. Wolff.

R.A.S.C. v. Civil Service.

The following have been selected to play for the R.A.S.C. in a League match against the Civil Service to be played at Soekampoo on Saturday: W. O. L. Pamplin (Capt.), S. Q. M. S. Payne, S. Sgt. Skipp, Sgt. Hurst, L/Cpl. Cadman, L/Cpl. Spain, L/Cpl. Reynolds, Pte. Funnell, Pte. Evers-Buckland, Dvr. Winney and Dvr. Gray. Reserves: Dvr. Gasterow, Pte. Beresford, Umpire, Mr. Bowers. Scorer, Sgt. King.

ART CARGO HELD UP.

FREIGHT CHARGES DILEMMA.

Art treasures worth several hundred thousand pounds, representing the entire contribution of a Continental country to the French Art Exhibition in London, cannot be delivered owing to the demand of a foreign shipping company for an exorbitant freight charge.

Unless other arrangements can be made, the Royal Academy will either have to pay high freightage or, as is more likely, the works of art will be left out of the exhibition.

Too Much.

Special terms for the freightage of exhibits from practically every country have been obtained so far, as it would obviously have been impossible for the exhibition organisers to pay according to the value of each package.

One of the smaller Continental countries, however, is insisting on an ad valorem rates.

A reporter spoke to the only man who knows the secret of the shipment of the Louvre treasures. He is Mr. W. H. Brothers, of Messrs. Van Oppen, Ltd., shippers. He said:

"I work on the basis that a secret ceases to be a secret as soon as two people share it. I arrange for the treasures to be packed and guarded, shipped, passed through the Customs and, if I wish, I can change the route by which they come by five minutes' notice."

"A lot of authorities have to be consulted in bringing the treasures across. On the whole, however, things have arrived so far without a hitch."

NECK-AND-NECK RACE WITH POLICE.

45 M. P. H. THROUGH A LONDON STREET.

Two young joy-riders who were captured in a stolen car after a thrilling neck-and-neck race with a fast police car were sent to prison by the Marylebone magistrate on a charge of driving away the car without the authority of the owner. Joseph Alfred Parr (25), furniture porter, of Huntsworth-terrace, Marylebone, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment and Edwin Duff (25), slater, of Warwick-crescent, Paddington to three months.

The loss of a car from outside Sandringham Court, Maida Vale, was reported to the police at Paddington, and within a few minutes, as the result of a wireless message, police in a fast car were on their track.

The two cars raced along Willesden-lane, it was said, at 45 miles an hour. At length the police drew level, and as the other accelerated the two cars raced neck and neck for some distance.

At a bend in the road the police car cut in front, compelling the other to stop. Before the cars came to a standstill the driver of the pursued car jumped out and escaped. He had not been seen since. Parr and Duff were arrested.

AIRSHIP TALKS IN LONDON.

DR. ECKENER'S SCHEME.

Dr. Eckener, commander of the Graf Zeppelin, has revealed details of the service of Zeppelins which he plans to organise between England and New York.

The future of transatlantic airship development was discussed at an important conference at the Air Ministry attended by Lord Londonderry, Secretary of State for Air, and Dr. Eckener.

Colonel the Master of Sempliff, Colonel A. E. Deeds (head of the civil development of airships in the United States and chairman of the International Zeppelin Transportation Company) and Mr. P. R. Keunrich (Dr. Eckener's English agent) were also present.

Following the conference it was emphasised that the discussion was entirely general, and that no detailed proposals were made by Dr. Eckener.

It is understood that although the question of Anglo-German co-operation in regard to a regular trans-Atlantic airship service was considered, this does not imply any change in the Government's airship policy.

No State Building.

During the present crisis no further airship development will be financed by the State, and Air Ministry participation in Dr. Eckener's scheme depends on the amount of financial support forthcoming from private sources.

Dr. Eckener told a reporter that if he obtains the support of the English authorities Howden and Cardington airship stations would be used as bases for the service and a fleet of Zeppelins, similar in design to the Graf Zeppelin, would be built there.

"During the past two days," he said, "I have discussed the scheme with British aviation experts and I am hopeful that I shall be able to obtain the British Government's permission."

Dr. Eckener will return to Germany immediately to draw up details of the scheme which he will later submit to the Air Ministry.

Colonel the Master of Sempliff, who is interested in Dr. Eckener's scheme, said: "It is important that Great Britain should participate actively in the present negotiations."

THIRD TEST.

SOUTH AFRICA IN A BAD WAY.

The last Australian wicket fell this morning without any addition to the overnight total in the Third Test. Ironmonger was clean bowled by Quinn without opening his score.

South Africa went in a second time needing 395 runs to win and suffered the loss of Curnow early on. At lunch-time, however, they had made 66 for 1.

On the resumption, whatever hopes the tourists had of pulling off the match were dimmed by a steady fall of wickets, stumps being drawn with the total only 108 for 7.

Mitchell was caught and bowled by Grimmett after scoring 46, and Christy, another mainstay, succumbed when his total had reached 63. Taylor, with 38, was the only other batsman to achieve anything, the others finding the bowling too much for them, Ironmonger doing specially deadly work with the ball. Scores:

Australia.—1st Innings.

W. H. Ponsford, b. Bell	7
D. G. Bradman, c. Cameron, b. Quinn	2
W. M. Woodfull, c. Cameron, b. Bell	7
A. F. Pippard, c. Bell, b. Quinn	52
S. J. McCabe, c. Morkel, b. Bell	22
K. Rigg, c. Mitchell, b. Bell	58
E. L. a'Beckett, c. Mitchell, b. Quinn	0
W. A. Oldfield, c. Vincent, b. Quinn	0
Quinn	9
C. V. Grimmett, c. Morkel, b. Bell	6
T. M. Wall, not out	12
H. Ironmonger, run out	7
Extras	7
Total	198

Bowling.

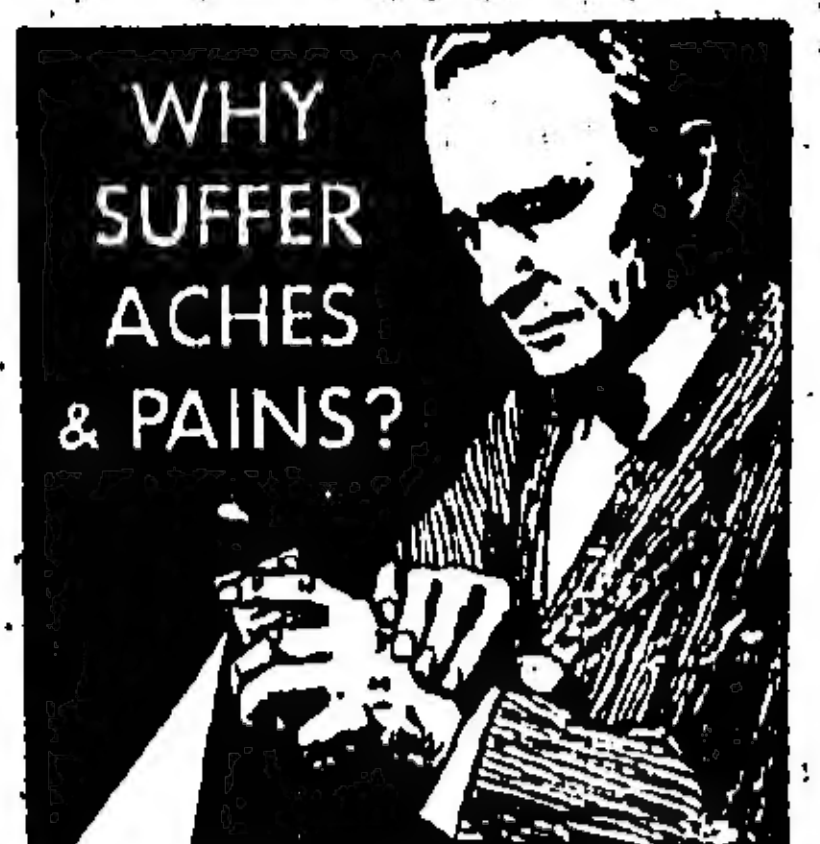
A. J. Bell took five wickets for 69 runs and N. A. Quinn four for 42.	
South Africa.—1st Innings.	
B. Mitchell, c. McCabe, b. Wall	17
S. H. Curnow, b. Grimmett	47
J. A. J. Christy, c. McCabe, b. Ironmonger	10
H. W. Taylor, l.b.w. Grimmett	11
D. P. B. Morkel, l.b.w. Ironmonger	33
H. B. Cameron, st. Oldfield, b. Ironmonger	30
E. C. Viljoen, c. Wall, b. McCabe	111
L. Vincent, c. Oldfield, b. Wall	16
Q. McMillan, c. Oldfield, b. Wall	29
N. A. Quinn, b. McCabe	11
A. J. Bell, not out	10
Extras	18
Total	368

Bowling.

Wall took three wickets for 98 runs, a'Beckett 0 for 29, Grimmett 2 for 100, Ironmonger 3 for 72 and McCabe 2 for 41.

Australia.—2nd Innings.

W. M. Woodfull, c. Mitchell, b. McMillan	101
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A. F. Pippard, c. Curnow, b. McMillan 57

S. J. McCabe, c. Mitchell, b. McMillan 71

K. Rigg, c. Mitchell, b. Vincent 1

W. A. Oldfield, l.b.w. McMillan 0

E. L. a'Beckett, b. Vincent 4

C. V. Grimmett, not out 16

T. M. Wall, b. Vincent 12

H. Ironmonger, b. Quinn 0

Extras 21

Total 554

Vincent took 4 for 154, McMillan took 4 for 150, Quinn 1 for 113 and Bell 1 for 101.

South Africa.—2nd Innings.

S. H. Curnow, b. Grimmett	9
B. Mitchell, c. and b. Grimmett	46
J. A. J. Christy, c. Oldfield, b. Ironmonger	63
H. W. Taylor, b. Grimmett	38
D. P. B. Morkel, b. Ironmonger	4
H. B. Cameron, l.b.w. Ironmonger	13
K. C. Viljoen, b. Ironmonger	2
C. L. Vincent, not out	10
Q. McMillan, not out	1
Extras	12
Total (for 7 wks.)	198

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consideration, but time will not permit.

Perhaps some will say to me, "Ah, it is all very well to talk of model farms and model farmers. With all your knowledge and skill (if you have any) you would starve in less than a year on any of the poor farms in the New Territories and on each of which a Chinese farmer manages to get a living." True enough, with all credit to the Chinese peasant, notwithstanding all the handicaps, he struggles somehow to stave off starvation from the door. Whereas, if I were to inherit a farm in the New Territories, I am afraid I would have to use my wits to starve in Hongkong or to spend on it very much from other sources, otherwise my farm would ruin me very quickly.

Yet, how many realize that despite all the skill and patience of the Chinese farmer, and although his plough in ordinary use (which is practically similar to the plough in use in the times of the founding of the Chow dynasty) is still the best adapted to his needs, yet we have in the New Territories a cultivated area of not more than 40,000 acres or one sixth of the area of the Territory. The greater part of it produces two crops of rice a year, and where manure is easily obtained a third crop of vegetable is grown in winter.

Value of Typhoons.

Rice is the staple food of this part of the world and yet not enough is produced to meet the supply of the population. Nature has done its part, in one respect, in giving us the summer rains, what is called the Asiatic monsoon, or more familiarly to us as the typhoon season. It is this monsoon that goes to stimulate agriculture. One authority writes: "One of the important reasons why this small corner of the world holds so many of its people is because the monsoon climate has rain at the season of greatest heat and growth, rather than in the cooler period of least growth, such as results from the winter rainfalls of California, Spain, Italy, Persia, Australia, and Chile."

The trouble with the Chinese farmer is that he does not understand soil fertility and there is no one question of greater importance to the farming industry than that of soil fertility. It is not enough to produce crops; it is necessary that their production shall result in a genuine profit. For normal growth and development, a plant must take from the soil at least ten chemical elements and the relative abundance of one element more than the others are liable to cause rapid exhaustion in the soil. I will leave you, who are interested, to read Dr. Herikots' article in the handbook on the "Hongkong soil."

China Not Self-Supporting.

Attention is repeatedly drawn to the fact, that China, whether it be South or North China, in spite of the fact that more than 80 per cent. of her population lives upon the land, is unable to make herself independent and self-sufficient. From a booklet received from Dean Groff of Lingnan University, Canton, I have come across this statement from Mr. S. H. Moh, Vice-Minister of Industry of the National Government:

"In 1929, China imported more than 10,000,000 piculs or more than 58,000,000 taels' worth of rice; more than 5,000,000 piculs, or more than 21,000,000 taels' worth of wheat; and 11,000,000 piculs or more than 62,000,000 taels' worth of flour. More than 2,000,000 piculs of cotton were also imported in that year. These figures go to show that in order to make China self-sufficient and solve the problem of food supply, improvement must be introduced."

Future of Farming.

The future of farming throughout the world will be a future of modern intensive farming, otherwise no nation can remain long entirely self-contained in so far as regards foodstuffs. "This must be accomplished," to quote Dean Groff again, "in the face of keen competition from other countries where staple crop production is organized in large units, where capital is readily available, where machine methods of production are effectively in operation, and where scientific agriculture is encouraged through large government appropriations for research."

Use of Science.

The work of science for the promotion of agriculture in this age, therefore, is the popularizing of science. Nearly all progressive governments are working systematically to promote agricultural production. The Department of Agriculture in Washington is one of the greatest scientific institutions in the world. Before the Great War, Germany, with eighty-seven experiment stations, led the world in the

promotion of scientific agriculture.

Backward or conservative as the Egyptian peasants may be, intensive scientific study of agriculture has awakened them to the need of modernizing their methods of farming and giving ear to scientific advice. Within the last decade or two the Egyptian farmers have learnt to use chemical manures, of which over 250,000 tons are now imported annually. The Egyptian farmer, like the Chinese, has never been a good farmer of bad land, not for lack of skill or patience, as I have already intimated, but because he has not the capital with which to furnish the necessary outfit. The Egyptian Government is "fostering the growth of co-operative societies, and is establishing an Agricultural Bank, which will provide credits for stocking small farms and will enable the fellah to tackle problems which he has been unable to face."

Association's Aims.

With identically the same object in view, the New Territories Agricultural Association aims to encourage gradual reform, to lay down merely the general outline and leave the details to be filled in, during the next decade. Unless something is done to protect the farmers' interest and income, to furnish more wholesome living conditions and to provide better education, primarily to make them better farmers, no real progress can be attained in the New Territories or in the reconstructive work in China.

It is looking at improvement of agriculture in the New Territories and China from this viewpoint, the New Territories Agricultural Association has been formed about a year ago. For the invaluable service rendered in this connection, the Committee of the Association owe a deep debt of gratitude to the Hon. Mr. Shenton and Mr. C. M. Manders, and his associates of the Kowloon Residents' Association. Had it not been for their commendable efforts, the New Territories Agricultural Association would not as yet have come into existence.

To Make N.T. Self-Supporting.

The aim of the Association is to create an effective centre for the development of agriculture in the New Territories so as to make the producer and the consumer in the New Territories as self-supporting as possible. The chief object for which the Association is formed is the promotion of the science and practice of agriculture in all its branches. Among the more important educational subjects to which the Association will direct its exertions are:

1. Organizing classes in agriculture.
2. Giving grants in aid of agricultural education.
3. Conducting experiments for the purpose of promoting the application of science of agriculture.
4. Assisting farmers with the chemical examination of their soils.

The Association endeavours also to consider matters connected with the agricultural resources of the Colony, the improvement of transportation facilities, the improvement of marketing methods and the improvement of methods of irrigation, and so forth. Towards achieving these ends, the Association needs all the possible co-operation and encouragement from the District Officer and the Government in general. So far the Hongkong Government has definitely granted a subsidy of \$1,000 a year and before long more than likely this amount will be increased to \$2,000.

Gaining Support.

There is no question that the Association is gaining considerable support from the various local banks, commercial houses, institutions among Chinese and Europeans alike. Since the Association has been established, we have no fewer than eleven life members, score of committee and farmer members added to the membership roll.

There is not the slightest doubt that both the Association and the agricultural show present limitless possibilities in the development of the New Territories, and the annual show especially calls for much generous and enthusiastic support. From the general public to help make it into an annual exhibition that will be a source of pride to the Colony and an annual gala day that will attract visitors from all parts of the Far East and, perhaps, beyond. This may be just an ideal, but not unrealizable.

Team Work.

Under modern conditions, it is important for us to realize that the community should become one, of each for all and all for each. Team-work, or co-operative effort, is what we need in this Colony, without which no human efforts can stand alone or prosper alone in these days.

In conclusion, let us take to heart this sound advice from an English economist: "Any unit attempting to work by itself will only obtain a minimum result; but by team

CHINESE WEDDING.

MR. CHAN LAISANG AND MISS YEUNG YIMKING.

Mr. Chan Laisang, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Chan Tae-yuen, was married to Miss Yeung Yimking, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yeung Yitung, yesterday in Kowloon. The wedding ceremony was conducted entirely according to the old Chinese fashion.

After the wedding, the bride and bridegroom left for Canton to spend their honeymoon. They will later go to North China, to further their studies in English literature.

work, by utilizing, in the light of present day knowledge, all the different forms of human race, whether of brain or of muscle, we get team work which produces not a minimum but a maximum, to the great benefit of the whole community."

Finally, may I appeal to all those who are in any way interested in the development of the New Territories, to give their whole-hearted support to the Association by making a special effort to attend on the opening day of the show.

I thank you for your patient hearing.

Address of Thanks.

In expressing thanks to the speaker on behalf of the Club, the Chairman said:—If I rise to thank Mr. Bush myself and it is thought to be contrary to the principles of Rotary, it is that you may not be exposed to the danger of one whose breath has not been dealt with.—(Laughter).

I was for many years under the delusion that China was a self-supporting country but the figures of import of food-stuffs which Mr. Bush has quoted have shown me that idea is erroneous.

As one who has spent many years in India and some in Hongkong, also having visited certain parts of China, I have no hesitation in saying that the future peace of the world depends upon the agriculturalists and cultivators—like India and China—being raised to a higher scale of productivity and a higher scale of living. Already, in India, there are ominous rumblings among the agricultural population.

We are, therefore, very grateful to Mr. Bush for what he has told us to-day, and I am sure that I am voicing the feelings of everyone here when I tell him that the Agricultural Association and, not only that, but these hard-working doctors who make it a point to go out regularly to improve the health of those living in the New Territories, have the heartiest support of the Rotary Club.—(Applause).

Complimentary Tickets.

In endorsing the hope expressed by Mr. Bush, that as many of our members as can possibly arrange to do so will go to the opening of the show on Saturday, I may tell you that Mr. Bush has made it easier for us because I hold in my hand a number of complimentary tickets which will be placed aside so that anyone can take one as they go out. This means that the enthusiasts will get in for nothing.—(Laughter).

In conclusion, let me thank you, Mr. Bush, on behalf of the Rotary Club, for your illuminating and excellent address.

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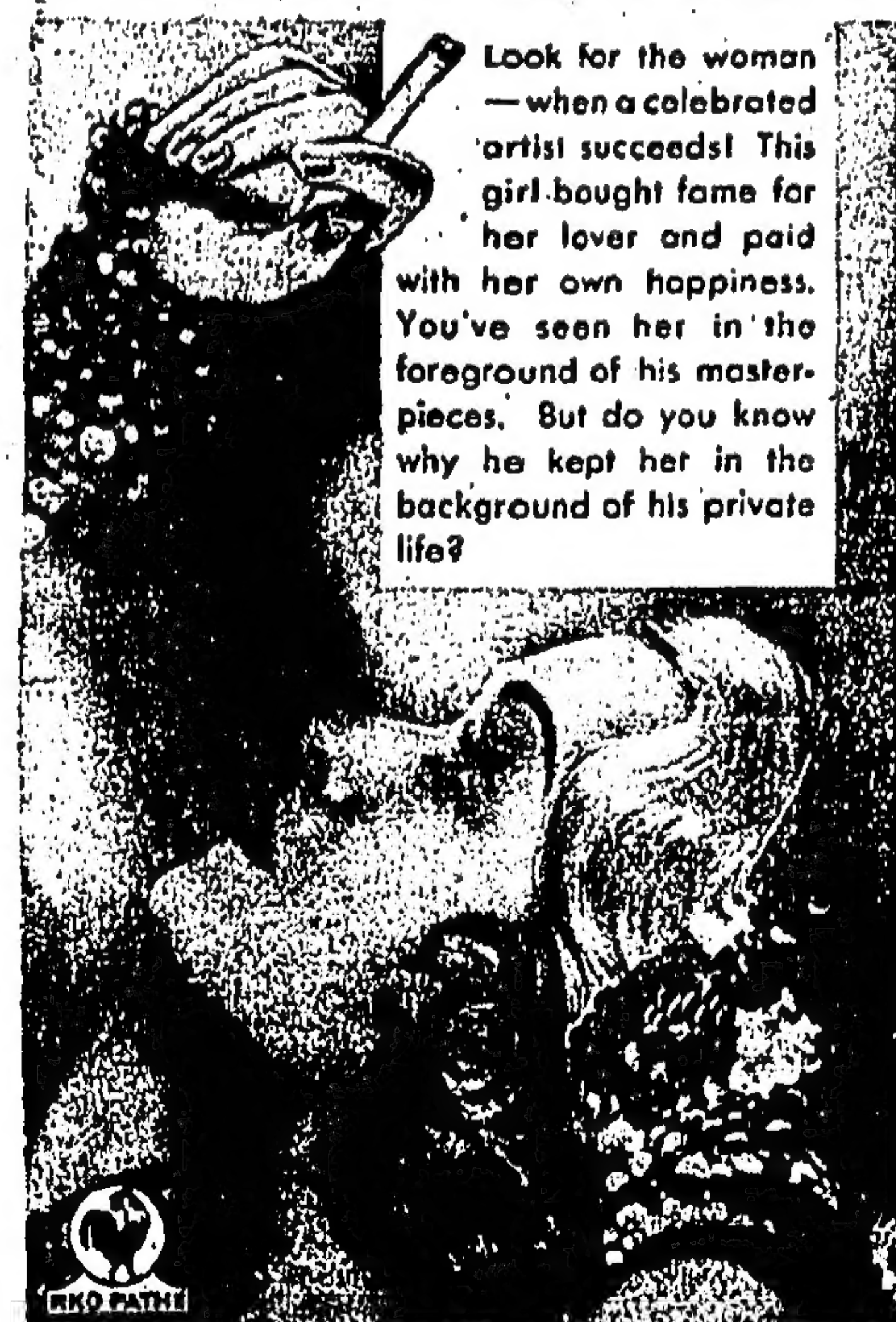
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INDEPENDENCE OF IRAK.

LEAGUE COMMISSION REPORT.

BRITAIN'S ACTION APPROVED.

London, Jan. 5. The League of Nations Secretariat published to-day the report of the Permanent Commission on Mandates concerning the British proposal to proceed with the emancipation of Irak.

After reviewing the action of the British Government and the guarantees given by the Government to assure the entry of Irak into the League, the Report sets out in detail the conditions which appear to the Commission essential for the termination of the Mandate by Great Britain.

The most important of these conditions is for the protection of the minorities and foreign nationals, as well as for the guarantee of privileges to foreigners' liberty of conscience and the maintenance of International Conventions.

Treaty of Alliance. Finally, the Report states that the Treaty of Alliance between Great Britain and Irak does not injure the independence of Irak. The Commission's Report is likely to be approved by the League Council on 25th January and the September Assembly is expected to admit Irak to the League. Britain's Mandate will automatically terminate on such admission.—British Wireless.

LONG FIRM FRAUD ALLEGED.

SIX CHINESE BEFORE COURT.

Six Chinese were charged before Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning with conspiracy in connexion with an alleged "long-firm" fraud.

Detective Sergeant Meadows stated that the investigations thus far revealed Leung Him, Lam Tai and Tsui Wai-keung to be the principals in a case involving some \$3,000 worth of goods, of which \$1,000 worth had hitherto been recovered, this being in respect of two complainants.

The officer mentioned that Tsui Wai-keung was arrested, consequent on information, in the street in company with five coolies who were carrying cases of jerseys, and subsequently taken back to an address of which he was the principal tenant, where other cases of jerseys were recovered.

Bail ranging from \$500 to \$3,000 were granted to the accused, two of whom, namely Ho Kwok and Tsui Wai-keung, were represented by Mr. da Silva and Mr. B. D. Evans respectively.

LORD BEAUCHAMP IN HONGKONG.

SPENDS QUIET TIME IN COLONY.

LEAVES FOR JAVA.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Beauchamp, former Governor of New South Wales and for many years Leader of the Liberal Party in the House of Lords, has just quietly spent two days in Hongkong, arriving by the s.s. Tjinegara on Sunday and leaving by the same steamer yesterday for Java, where he will spend about three weeks. He will then proceed to Australia for the purpose of being present at the opening of Sydney's new bridge in March.

His Lordship's visit to Hongkong was quite informal, as he was travelling incognito and, for reasons of health, did not wish to attend any formal functions. During his



brief stay, he spent the greater part of his time with the well-known local artist, Kobza, and before his departure he sat for a rapid crayon sketch, of which a reproduction is given above.

In June and July, Lord Beauchamp was at the Naueheim baths for the cure, but in spite of an after-cure at Freudenstadt his health has not completely recovered. In consequence of which he was ordered a long sea voyage. He has therefore been on a trip to Japan and, as stated, is now visiting Java.

Lord Beauchamp was in Hongkong some thirty years ago, and in the course of conversation on his latest visit he stated that he was immensely struck by the great developments in the port, especially on the Kowloon side. Moreover, he very much appreciated the comforts of the Peninsula Hotel and the Hongkong Hotel, and deeply regretted that there were not more hotels as good, or nearly as good, as these in the provinces in England. Regarding world conditions, his Lordship was not very optimistic of the immediate future, believing that there are still anxious days ahead. He preferred

TROUBLE NEAR FOCHOW.

MALCONTENTS TAKE CITY.

Fochow, Dec. 28. There has been rather serious trouble in the Changlo County for some time arising from the imposition of taxes by the Government which the people object to paying. The malcontents have organised themselves so well that they have been able to defeat the Government forces (marines) and are said to have gained control of Changlo County.

A detachment of Liu Ho-Ting's troops is being sent down the river to help in restoring order, but it is rumoured that the trouble is likely to spread to other districts, such as Futsing and Funing.

Regarding the capture of Miss Halverstadt, of the Methodist Episcopal Mission, a few days ago, it appears she had reached Kaucheng safely and was on the launch travelling towards Fochow, when the launch was stopped by men on the bank of the creek (which is very narrow just there) and she and her cook were taken off. About twenty Chinese were also kidnapped. As far as I know, this is the first instance of foreigners being molested in that district, and it seems rather remarkable that they should be so daring in view of the fact that the spot mentioned is only about twenty miles from Fochow.—Our Own Correspondent.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY STOCK EXCHANGE.

The session this morning opened quietly steady with rates generally unaltered.

Sales.
Banks, \$1,475.
Realities, \$12.15.
H.K. Lands, \$82 1/2.
Buyers.
Wharves, \$153 1/2.
Hotels (old), \$15 1/2.
Trams, \$22.30.
Singapore Tractions, 3/-.
H.K. Ropes, \$18.
Powells, \$3 1/2.
Providents (old), \$5 1/2.
Providents (new), \$2.35.
Chinese Estates, \$95.
Cements (old), \$12 1/2.
Dairy Farms, \$20.
Constructions (new), \$1.80.
Sellers.
China Underwriters, \$4.90.
Raubs, \$39.
Entertainments (old), \$10 1/2.
Indo-Chinas (Pref.), \$45.
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to express no opinions on China, as such a hurried visit as he had made did not enable him to form any definite views. None the less, he expressed the hope that the country would soon be on the path to well-ordered progress.

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